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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the figures given by NGOs at the UNAIDs Summit in India 560,000 people are infected by AIDS/HIV;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb the HIV/AIDS related diseases in the country;

(c) whether the Government took any step to become the member of the proposed board which will govern the Global HIV/AIDS and health funds; and

(d) if so, the details of the present status?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir. Based on the annual Sentinel Surveillance, the National AIDS Control Organization has estimated a total number of 3.86 million HIV infected people in the country.

(b) Govt. of India has launched comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme with the following key components.

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of targetPopulations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.

- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication(IEC) and awareness compaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

(c) &(d) India is a signatory to the UN declaration on Global HIV/AIDS and Health fund adopted in the UN General Assembly`s Specia Session on HIV/AIDS on June 25th to 27th, 2001.